

JP-A-2003-297974 was published on October 17, 2003, which is later than the January 28, 2003 priority date of the present application. Thus, JP-A-2003-297974 does not qualify as a prior art reference.

An accurate translation of the priority document JP-A-2003-019131 is enclosed to perfect the claim for priority. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5, 6, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Translation of priority document JP-A-2003-019131

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